

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

As below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated immediately below next to my name;

Full name of inventor: John Potter

Residence (City/State): 6731 Orchard Ridge Trail

Mailing Address: Woodbury, MN 55125

Citizenship: United States of America

I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name appears above) or a joint inventor (if more than one name appears above) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Prefabricated Modular Deck System, the specification of which is attached hereto;

I state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the attached specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (or §365) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed pursuant to §119(a)-(d) or of any provisional patent application(s) listed pursuant to §119(e), and have identified any such application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before this application:

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(Number)

US

(Country)

02/07/1999

(Day/month/year filed)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: None.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And I hereby appoint, jointly and severally, John F. Klos, Registration No. 37,162; Frederick W. Niebuhr, Registration No. 27,717; and Alcya R. Champlin, Registration No. 36,251, of Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren, Ltd., 1500 Norwest Financial Center, 7900 Xerxes Avenue South, Bloomington, Minnesota, 55431, my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith and the general power of attorney to file and prosecute any foreign or International (PCT) application claiming the benefit of priority of (or claimed by) this application, or any continued prosecution application, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, reexamination, or reissue thereof.

Please direct all communications concerning this application to:

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Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the above-referenced specification, and I hereby subscribe my name to said specification, the foregoing declaration, power of attorney, and petition.

Full name of inventor: John Potter

Inventor's signature: 

Date: June 29, 2000.

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: POTTER, John) Attorney Docket: 24,576-02
Serial No:)
Filing Date:) Art Group Unit:
Title: Prefabricated Modular Deck System) Examiner:
) VERIFIED STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27 (b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **Prefabricated Modular Deck System** described in the specification filed herewith.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR §1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR §1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR §1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention listed below: None

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Individual

Small Business Concern

Nonprofit Organization

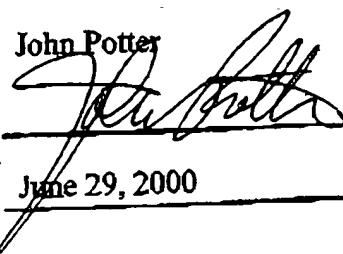
I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR §1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that those statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18, United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Name of inventor:

John Potter

Inventor's Signature:



Date:

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